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SUBJECT: SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEE WRITES PRESIDENT PARK

REF: STATE 155798

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER TO PRESIDENT PARK
SIGNED BY CHAIRMAN STEVENSON AND VICE CHAIRMAN SCHMITT OF
SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEE REGARDING EVIDENCE SOUGHT FROM
FORMER AMBASSADOR KIM DONG-JO. LETTER DATED JUNE 23 AND
WE UNDERSTAND FROM SENATOR STEVENSON'S OFFICE THAT IT WAS
DELIVERED SAME DAY TO AMBASSADOR KIM YONG-SHIK HERE.
DAN SWILLINGER OF ETHICS COMMITTEE STAFF INFORMS US THAT
MAIN PURPOSE OF LETTER WAS TO REFUTE SOME OF THE STATEMENTS
IN FOREIGN MINISTER PARK TONG-JIN'S LETTER OF JUNE 15
(REFTEL).

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2. BEGIN TEXT:

(A) ON BEHALF OF THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS
WE EXPRESS DISAPPOINTMENT OVER THE RESPONSE OF FOREIGN
MINISTER TONG JIN PARK TO THE LETTER OF MAY 25 TO YOU FROM
OURSELVES AND THE SENATE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS.
WE BELIEVE THERE MAY BE SOME CONTINUING MISUNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN US ABOUT OUR REQUIREMENTS RELATIVE TO COMMUNICATION
WITH FORMER AMBASSADOR KIM DONG JO.

(B) WE DID NOT SUGGEST THAT KIM DONG JO SUBMIT TO
"INTERROGATION," AS YOUR MINISTER CLAIMS. WE DID SUGGEST
THAT COMITY BETWEEN FRIENDLY NATIONS REQUIRED THEIR
COOPERATION AND THAT COOPERATION IN THIS INSTANCE
COULD TAKE THE FORM OF "FACE-TO-FACE" COMMUNICATION.
THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WOULD HELP MAKE POSSIBLE
INTERROGATION IN THE CASE OF TONGSUN PARK BUT ONLY
WRITTEN COMMUNICATION IN THE CASE OF KIM DONG JO LEADS TO
AN INFERENCE WHICH CAN ONLY STRAIN RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR
COUNTRIES. WE CANNOT ACCEPT YOUR SUGGESTION THAT ORAL
COMMUNICATION IS INCONSISTENT WITH INTERNATIONAL PRINCIPLES
AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION CONSISTENT.

(C) THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT SUBMIT ITS AMBASSADORS
TO "INTERROGATION," AS YOU POINT OUT. BUT THAT IS NOT WHAT
WE ASK OF KIM DONG JO. WE SEEK INFORMATION THROUGH
FACE-TO-FACE COMMUNICATIONS.

(D) WE ARE INFORMED THAT KIM DONG JO IS PREPARED TO
COOPERATE AND IS ONCE AGAIN A PRIVATE CITIZEN. ON BEHALF
OF THE COMMITTEE WE URGE YOU TO PERMIT HIM TO TALK WITH
US IN ORDER THAT THIS MATTER MAY BE PUT BEHIND OUR NATIONS
WITHOUT DELAY AND WITHOUT FURTHER PROBLEMS BETWEEN US.
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